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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATES

Comp graduates 291 students



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Anxious members of the Chicopee Comp Class of 2021 await graduating during their June 6 commencement.

By Dalton Zbierski
Editor

CHICOPEE – On a blis-
tering Sunday morning, 291
students graduated from Chi-
copee Comprehensive High
School. Hundreds of support-
ers attended the June 6 cere-
mony at the athletic complex
at school on Montgomery
Street.

The ceremony was origi-
nally scheduled for June 4, but
rain forced its postponement.

“We are here to celebrate
success, accomplishment and
resiliency. As if this year was
not hard enough, the weather
made us wait two more days
to celebrate,” said Mayor John
Vieau.

Superintendent Lynn
Clark, a former Chicopee
Comp Class President and
graduate of the Class of 1988,
addressed the Class of 2021.
She informed the students that

their accomplishments are
worthy of high praise.

“You should be proud
of yourselves. You have dis-
played strength, resilience and
perseverance. Move ahead and
go where your heart and mind
feel most alive,” said Clark.

Salutatorian Cindy Chi
acquired a cumulative Grade
Point Average of 103.02
during her four years at Chi-
copee Comp. Chi saluted her
classmates for rising above
the interference and adversity
caused by the COVID-19 pan-
demic.

“Social distancing may
have threatened to make us
socially distant, but the Comp
community’s persistent efforts
in keeping us all connected re-
ally proved that the more that
we stick together and check up
on each other, the more mean-

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Chicopee High seniors graduate



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The Chicopee High School Class of 2021 graduated at Szot Park on June 5.

By Dalton Zbierski
Editor

CHICOPEE – On June
5, the Chicopee High School
Class of 2021 graduated during
an outdoor ceremony held at
Szot Park on Front Street. The
day was the culmination of
hard work in and outside of the
classroom for members of the
graduating class.

The COVID-19 pandem-
ic is a topic that has been ad-
dressed often in graduation
ceremonies this spring. Last
Saturday, Chicopee High
School graduates shared their
own perspectives.

“As Henry David Thoreau
once said, ‘You cannot dream
yourself into a character. You
must hammer or forge your-
self one.’ The Class of 2021
is perfectly encapsulated in
this quote, as we’ve worked
tirelessly through a situation
that none of us ever thought

we would see in our lifetimes.
We hammered at school and
forged our education to bring
us to this very moment,” said
Salutatorian Mateusz Gorczak.

Chicopee High School
Valedictorian Benjamin Zam-
achaj recalled entering the
building for the first time in
September of 2017. Zamachaj
froze when he walked through
the doors; he knew only five
classmates and was venturing
outside of a Catholic school
setting for the first time in his
life.

Eventually, Zamachaj ac-
climated to his new surround-
ings. He was forced to adapt
again before graduating.

“Fast forward to our se-
nior year came a similar sense
of unfamiliarity. We were all
blind to this year and what it
would bring academically and
socially,” said Zamachaj.

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Nine students graduated from the Chicopee Academy at Selser

By Dalton Zbierski
Editor

CHICOPEE – Nine stu-
dents graduated from the Chi-
copee Academy at Selser on
June 4 during a ceremony held
outdoors behind the school on
Dare Way.

Chicopee Academy is a
public, alternative school that
provides equal opportunity
in its programs, activities and
employment.

Students in grades seven
through 12 attend Chicopee
Academy, which offers regular
and special education for stu-
dents who have not met suc-
cess within the traditional high
school setting.

The nine students that
graduated on June 4 are Jason
Felletter, winner of the Prin-
cipal’s Award, Richard King
III, Zachary Mallory, Irmari-
lis Pinero, Eleuterio Serrano
III, Jeremiah Taylor, Nicolas
Turcotte, Delijash Vargas and



TURLEY PUBLICATION PHOTO BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

The graduating Class of 2021 at Chicopee Academy consists of nine students.

Devon Pierce.

Serrano was chosen to
give the Student Summation
during last Thursday’s ceremo-
ny. He was inspired to achieve
new heights and “grow up” af-
ter watching last year’s virtual
graduation ceremony.

It wasn’t easy for Serrano
when he first entered Chicopee
Academy. He had little interest

in school and was hesitant to
move forward.

“I came here my sopho-
more year and had the biggest
struggle of my life. I was a
complete mess and didn’t want
to do anything. I felt like giv-
ing up on life; I wanted to drop
out,” said Serrano, who refused
to speak to students or staff on
his first day in the building.

Thanks to the persistency
of the staff and efforts made by
Principal John Leonard, Ser-
rano learned to “adapt and re-
bound” at Chicopee Academy.

Over time, he realized that
his support system was there
to help him. Serrano expressed

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School Committee member Costello to run for City Council

By Dalton Zbierski
Editor

CHICOPEE – Ward 9 School Committee member Mary Beth Costello has announced that she will run for the open Ward 9 City Council seat.

Costello was encouraged to enter the race when Ward 9 Councilor Stan Walczak recently announced that he will not seek reelection.

“I did not intend to run against Mr. Walczak, but because the position is open, I felt that it was time for me to move on from the School Committee. I enjoyed that very much and will look to help more Ward 9 residents on the City Council,” said Costello.

Costello has been involved with local government for several decades. She sat on

the Chicopee Planning Board for 17 years, serving as chairwoman for 11 of them.

“The Planning Board taught me the importance of how the residents and the city get together to develop the city, whether it’s on projects or zone changes,” said Costello.

As a member of the Planning Board, Costello was trained on how the city uses its land. She feels that experience will be important if she earns an opportunity to improve residents’ quality of life as a member of City Council.

Costello was also a member of the Chicopee Council on Aging for 12 years. She was first elected to the Chicopee School Committee in 1998 and has maintained her seat.

Stepping down from the School Committee is not an easy decision for Costello.

Her time spent on the committee, however, directly influenced her ultimate decision to run for City Council.

“The School Committee taught me the needs of the students and the future generations and how they must be educated and trained to meet the needs of the modern world,” said Costello. “That’s the reason why I’m running; because the experience of those positions. I was lucky to have the opportunity to have that experience.”

Serving Chicopee residents as an elected official has been a dream come true for Costello, who graduated from the school district and Elms College. She chose to raise her family in the city and hasn’t looked back.

If elected, Costello would become Chicopee’s first female City Councilor since 2005, and one of no more than eight women who have served on the board during its history. Costello recognizes the magnitude of the task at hand.

“It would be incredible, especially being the mother of two daughters, to show not only my daughters but all the women of Chicopee that opportunities are there, if I get elected, to be part of the governing process and be part of the decision making on budgets on policies that will move the city forward,” said Costello. “To have a female perspective



COSTELLO PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MARY BETH COSTELLO

Mary Beth Costello, the Ward 9 School Committee representative since 1998, has announced her intention to run for City Council.

and to have more diversity on the City Council would be a welcoming event. It would open a lot of opportunities for other women to run and take the chance of getting elected.”

During her campaign, Costello will focus on proper budget management, proper land use and growth, adequate funding for education and the importance of a strong educational system. The city election will occur on Nov. 2, 2021.

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Chicopee recognizes Pride Month, raises LGBTQ flag



[L to R] State Sen. Adam Gomez, State Rep. Jacob Oliveira, Chicopee Mayor John Vieau and Communications and Special Projects Manager Bobbi Vieau listen to Chicopee Planning and Development Director Lee Pouliot speak during a Pride Month flag-raising ceremony on June 2.

By Dalton Zbierski
Editor

CHICOPEE – Nine days ago, Mayor John Vieau declared June to be LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the city of Chicopee. He made the proclamation during a flag-raising ceremony held at Market Square in Chicopee Center on June 2.

The event was attended by State Sen. Adam Gomez, State Rep. Jacob Oliveira, Chicopee Cultural Council President Johnny Miranda and Chicopee Director of Planning and Development Lee Pouliot.

Pouliot took to the podium to share his own personal experiences.

“As a gay person, I remember being very young and being

bullied about being gay before I even knew what that meant,” said Pouliot. “That led to a very slow evolution and willingness to open myself up to self-discovery in trying to understand who I was as a person. Eventually that led to acceptance.”

The June 2 ceremony was a celebration of diversity. Both Gomez and Oliveira discussed the importance of advocating for equality for the LGBTQ+ community, but Pouliot’s words resonated.

“There is a very rich history within the LGBTQIA community, it’s part of world history, it’s part of local history and it’s part of American history. I’m honored to see so many people here today to celebrate that,” said Pouliot, who ultimately raised the flag.



Chicopee Mayor John Vieau reads a proclamation, marking June as Pride Month in Chicopee, on June 2.



TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DALTON ZBIERSKI
Chicopee Director of Planning and Development Lee Pouliot raises a flag to signify the beginning of Pride Month on June 2.

VOC Organizes 21-Day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge

CHICOPEE – Valley Opportunity Council staff has organized a 21-day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge during the month of June, inviting staff and the community at large to receive daily emails with resources that encourage learning, engaging and reflecting to make lasting change and growth individually and as a community.

Emails will begin on June 7, and will continue daily through June 27. Those who would like to sign up can simply email Melissa White, Director of Programs at VOC, at MWhite@valleyopp.com. Those who sign up are also encouraged to invite others to join.

A group of VOC staff members put together the content for each of the

21 days, which only takes five minutes per day to cVomplete. The invitation to participate states, “For 21 days, we will do one action to further our understanding” around issues around racism, equity and social justice, White said.

The 21 days is based on the theory that it takes that amount of time to form a habit. According to organizers, “Creating effective social justice habits, particularly those dealing with issues of power, privilege and leadership, is like any lifestyle change,” White said.

“The goal is to make a small change in our lives, and ultimately in ourselves. To let in additional information through short videos, quotes and articles each day so that small chang-

es begin to happen in how we see the world and maybe even how we interact with each other, with an increased knowledge and focus on racial equity and social justice,” she said.

The Valley Opportunity Council is the largest and most diverse Community Action Agency in Western Massachusetts with an annual budget of \$31 million. With this Federal designation, the VOC has established a powerful network of support and collaborative services intended to encourage community members to actively achieve self-sufficiency for themselves and their families. VOC employs over 250 staff members and has 150 local vendors, providing a significant economic investment in the community.

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ChicopeeFRESH to serve meals again this summer

By Dalton Zbierski
Editor

CHICOPEE – ChicopeeFRESH, the Farm to School program of Chicopee Public Schools, will be serving meals to children and teens this summer, Monday through Friday. Approximately 10 meal sites will be located at schools throughout the city.

“It’s going to start on Monday, June 28 and it’s going to run through Aug. 20,” said Greta Shwachman, Farm to School Program Coordinator. “Last year was only our first year operating the summer feeding program out of our school sites so this will be our second year doing that. It is exciting.”

Prior to 2020, the city’s summer meals program was sponsored by the Valley Opportunity Council, and city parks were used as meal sites.

Anticipation is building ahead of this year’s program, which will give away new promotional items.

“We have a ton of awesome new merch on order. We’ll be giving out sunglasses, fanny packs, lunchboxes and all sorts of fun things. We’ll probably be alternating with sites that we’re at; probably setting up some activities there as well.”

In the coming months, the district will receive a food truck that the School Committee approved of during a March meeting. The \$153,000 purchase is funded by a Food Security Infrastructure Grant that the Food Services Department applied for and received.



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The Chicopee Food Services Department’s new food truck will arrive later this summer and appear once a month at the Center Fresh Farmers Market, which occurs in Chicopee Center every Thursday from 1-6 p.m.

When the truck arrives in Chicopee, it will be seen in all parts of the city, at parks, playgrounds, farmers markets and other locations.

“Fingers crossed we have our food truck by the end of July and will be able to still go out to some of those parks and be able to reach folks that haven’t been able to come to our school sites,” said

Shwachman.

When it arrives, the truck will appear once a month at the Center Fresh Farmers Market in Chicopee Center, which began on June 3 and is running every Thursday from 1-6 p.m.

Shwachman designed the logo for the Center Fresh Farmers Market and has applied her creative prowess to crafting

ChicopeeFRESH banners and lawn signs that will be placed in the city at and near meal sites.

This summer, Shwachman and her colleagues hope to survey more residents, particularly individuals who aren’t able to access the meal sites, in order to create a better route and schedule for the food truck moving forward.

ChicopeeFRESH and the Food Services Department strive to ensure that Chicopee students have food security. By facilitating themes such as Harvest of the Month, ChicopeeFRESH opens the eyes of children and teens to healthier eating options.

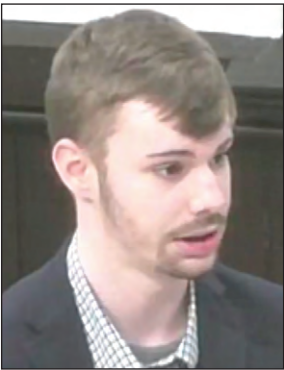
“Some of our ideas that we’ve done are a little out there. We did a kelp smoothie last month for May Harvest of the Month, which was seafood. A lot of kids ended up liking it,” said Shwachman. “It’s really cool to introduce the children to new foods because they might not be able to try all of these things at home. We have a blast with that.”

Shwachman encourages families to pick up free meals this summer in an effort to save both time and money. The Food Services employees who prepare the meals will continue to do so out of their affinity for the students.

“We cook with love. We like to see people enjoy our food. We try to do as many homecooked meals as possible. It’s been amazing watching the kids come back, and I think it’s been a great morale boost for our staff, who have worked so hard this year,” said Shwachman.

2021 Comp grad Timothy Wagner announces bid for School Committee At-Large Seat

CHICOPEE – (June 8, 2021) “Today, I am formally announcing my candidacy for Chicopee School Committee At-Large. For the past year, I have had the honor and privilege of representing Chicopee Students on the School Committee. This experience has given me great insight into how the public school system operates here in the city. As such, I believe this, among other things, makes me a very qualified candidate for the office. I want to effect positive change in our schools as a full, voting member of the Committee.. With regards to campaign promises and policy commitments, I generally don’t believe in making those. The one thing I will ever promise is that, if elected, I will be the best School Committee member that I can be. I’ll be



- Tim Wagner, Candidate

working day in and day out for the people of this city, and I will be an advocate for teachers, students, and parents alike. That is my promise and my priority. I will be returning nomination signatures to the City Clerk soon and will set up campaign Facebook and Instagram pages. These are where I will be posting news, updates, and a link to donate to the campaign. I look forward to meeting as many Chicopee residents as possible, and I would love to hear their concerns and suggestions. I also look forward to doing several in-person and virtual events and fundraisers over the next several months. If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me using the information provided above. See you on the campaign trail, Chicopee!”

Boston Portuguese Festival Commemorates Portugal Day

BOSTON – The Boston Portuguese Festival Board of Directors and organizing team wishes a happy Day of Portugal, Camões and the Portuguese Communities (Dia de Portugal, de Camões e das Comunidades Portuguesas) to the members of the Portuguese-American community of Boston, Massachusetts and neighboring communities across New England, the United States and around the world. We look forward to once again celebrating our Portuguese culture and heritage in Boston soon. We encourage you to visit our website and

social media channels to access additional content from years past. Any effort is greatly appreciated in supporting the initiatives of the Boston Portuguese Festival, whose mission is to “provide awareness of the Portuguese community, its culture, and its ancestry in the greater Boston area while also promoting Portugal.” Please visit our Facebook and Instagram for additional information and updates regarding future events. We appreciate your support as we await the opportunity to showcase and celebrate our Portuguese heritage with the city of Boston.

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Most courageous
8. Insurance giant
13. Small trace left behind
14. In a way, signals
15. The same letter or sound at the beginning
19. The Great Lakes State
20. Engage in a contest
21. Drinks served to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
22. Manpower
23. Undivided
24. Strong, magnetic metal
25. People of Tanzania
26. Sorts
30. Cop car accessory
31. Trade
32. Sullen and ill-tempered

33. Distinctive practices
34. Motor vehicles
35. Electrodes
38. Polish river
39. Human feet
40. Make very hot
44. Toppin and Kenobi are two
45. Blackbird
46. One point west of due south
47. Large beer
48. Third stomachs
49. Rare Korean family name
50. Hectoliter
51. Aquatic invertebrate
55. Where we live
57. Poked holes in
58. Partner to ways
59. ___ Ann

CLUES DOWN
1. Expressions of approval
2. Replace the interior of
3. Not awake
4. Roman numeral 7
5. Sun up in New York
6. Institute legal proceedings against
7. Bugs homeowners don't want
8. Maltese-Italian composer
9. Very long period of time
10. Touchdown
11. Agents of downfall
12. Complacently or inanely foolish
16. Argentina capital
17. County in New Mexico
18. An electrically charged atom
22. New Zealand conifer
25. Type of brandy
27. Comments to the audience
28. Tears down
29. Gifts for the poor
30. More painful
32. Good friend
34. Lying in the same plane
35. Line in a polygon
36. Clouds of gas and dust
37. Norse god
38. Health care pro
40. Close tightly
41. One's holdings
42. Became less intense
43. Wilco frontman
45. Woman (French)
48. Expresses delight
51. TV channel (abbr.)
52. Beverage
53. Unit of work or energy
54. Cleaning accessory
56. Dorm worker

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Vieau addresses controversial 0 Fuller Rd. property

By Dalton Zbierski
Editor

CHICOPEE – Chicopee Mayor John Vieau held a press conference on June 7 in the City Hall Auditorium to address the controversial property at 0 Fuller Rd. that is owned by the Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation.

WMDC, a quasi-public, non-profit entity, unsuccessfully attempted to rezone the 57.4-acre parcel into an industrial zone. On March 3, Chicopee City Council upheld an unfavorable report from the Zoning Committee, filed in response to the requested zoning change.

The property in question sits between Chicopee's Slate Road neighborhood and Chicopee State Memorial Park. Abutters and other concerned residents have protested WMDC's actions, fearing that a zone change would destroy wildlife and their peace of mind.

Since March, many residents have continued to fester. Vieau was compelled to hold a press conference on Monday afternoon to, "promote transparency between the city and the public, and to dispel the false information being spread."

In 2009, the city of Chicopee sold the forested parcel to WMDC for \$1.45 million. The city no longer controls the property.

Vieau announced that the city will make changes to its website to provide residents better access to public records pertaining to 0 Fuller Rd.



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[L to R] Chicopee Planning & Development Director Lee Pouliot and Mayor John Vieau field a question from a resident during a June 7 press conference in the City Hall Auditorium.

A manual review of records dating back to the 1960s is underway; all documents that are located are being uploaded to Chicopeema.gov/WMDC.

During his press conference, Vieau displayed graphics depicting the boundaries of the site. He emphasized multiple times during the press conference that WMDC owns the property and the city does not.

More than a dozen residents present on Monday pressed Vieau for answers. They asked questions ranging from if an Amazon warehouse is to be built on the site to if WMDC has any plans to ensure protection of the property's wildlife.

Given that he has no control over the property, Vieau was unable to answer. He did ensure the audience that the city has

not signed a non-disclosure agreement relating to the property.

Vieau went on to remind the dozens, if not hundreds, of residents who access the property for recreation each week that such actions are illegal. His office cannot intervene.

"The city of Chicopee does not own the property; it's owned by WMDC. If they want to allow people to use their property for passive recreation, that's under their purview. It's not for the city of Chicopee to make that decision. Unfortunately, I can't tell [residents] what they can and cannot do at that property. I think that's a fair answer," said Vieau.

Vieau did state that there are 36 parks in the city of Chicopee, all of which are accessible as alternate places of recreation.

"I'm really excited about the Post-9/11 dog park that we'll have in the city soon. That's about eight acres right at the entrance of Westover Air Reserve Base, and we can't wait to get building this really unique, modern, yet non-traditional park," said Vieau.

Lee Pouliot, Director of Planning & Development, also fielded questions on June 7. He made it known that the city cannot mandate that WMDC maintain the property as a conservation site.

"We do not have zoning or site plan regulations that would require any developer to create green space for the residents," said Pouliot.

Work continues on Front Street parking lot

By Cara McCarthy
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee City Council reviewed and passed five of Mayor John Vieau's orders during its June 1 meeting.

Vieau delivered a status update on the construction of a parking lot that is being built behind the City Hall Annex building on Front Street.

Vieau requested an appropriation in the amount of \$47,000 to be allocated to the Planning Special Account for Front Street Parking Lot. The funds would come from the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

Vieau said the construction crew ran into problems they were not anticipating which had to do with the amount of groundwater under the new parking lot leading into Front Street.

Lee Pouliot, Director of the Department of Planning and Development, said the funds would be used to cover \$22,000 in labor costs and an additional \$25,000 to complete the project.

At-Large Councilor Robert Zygarowski asked Pouliot when the project is expected to be completed and if he anticipates any more problems moving forward.

Pouliot responded, "I don't expect any more problems because everything that's underground now is complete, which was the more tricky piece [of the project]."

The current value of the project is \$720,000, according to Pouliot, and will add 77 parking spaces in downtown Chicopee, where parking has long been problematic.

Ward 1 Councilor Joel McAuliffe said while the parking lot is much more expensive than he would have liked, "You can't do the project halfway and not finish it."

He added that he hopes this "serves as an economic development opportunity."

Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits said the city is fortunate that the

problem was found before the project was completed.

"We basically would have completed the parking lot and it would have been damaged," Krampits said. "We would have had to dig it up and we would have been spending more money on [the project]."

The motion to approve the \$47,000 appropriation passed by a unanimous vote.

Vieau later presented an order, requesting that the City Council accept a grant from the Massachusetts State Police for \$132,168 to the Chicopee Police Department.

The police department would be a sub-recipient of grant funds given to the State Police to combat gun and gang violence and violent crime, said Rick Henry, Detective Captain for the Chicopee Police Department.

Henry added the funds will help the Chicopee Police Department work collaboratively with the Massachusetts State Police Department in this effort and would cover the remaining costs for fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

Councilman Zygarowski said the grant is going to help out for the next two summers and commended the police department for pursuing the funding opportunity.

"This is such an important [grant] because of what's going on. That's what it's all about," he added.

The motion to accept the \$132,168 grant passed by a unanimous vote.

Vieau also requested an appropriation of \$42,088 to the Human Resources Special Account for Indemnification of Police & Fire.

The money would come from the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

According to Vieau, Chicopee is "self-insured" and the funds would pay medical bills for the city's first responders.

The motion to approve the \$42,088 appropriation passed by a unanimous vote.



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Late spring questions for the Garden Lady

This question came from Peggy, who gardens in Belchertown: “I always enjoy reading your column, and finally I got up the nerve to ask you a question. Last year, and for the first time ever, I grew elephant’s ears. Just as you said to do, I dug them up before the first frost. They looked so good, surprisingly, that I kept three of them in pots in a room on the north side of my house where they only received a bit of indirect sunlight each day. I watered them throughout the winter and they put out some new growth. When the danger of frost had passed, I brought them directly outside of the room they were in, figuring I would harden them off before planting them in the garden. Before long, however, the leaves yellowed, and turned brown in patches. Do you have a guess as to what happened?”

I am surmising your plants got scalded from the wind and/or the sun. The intensity of the light change from a nearly dark room to outdoors with the wind on top of that, likely shocked the plant. I recommend you cut back any foliage that is too far gone and move the pots to a very protected, shady area. With any hope, the plants will regrow and you will get some enjoyment out of them this summer. When frost threatens, unearth the tubers and store in them in a pot of vermiculite or wrap in paper and store in empty pots at fifty degrees.

Pre-start them in a sunny window in late March and gradually acclimatize to the outdoors in mid-May. Good luck!

Cutworms

Cutworms are a big problem right now. I have seen many in my own garden. Here is an updated version of answers to a question that ran a few years back, figuring you may find it useful.

I ran into my old friend Don at the dentist office when this question arose: “I planted a lot of cabbage a few weeks back and in the morning I notice that some of the plants are cut off, right at the base. What is doing this? I find it strange that they aren’t exactly eaten, just lying there!”

The pest you mention is the dreaded cutworm. There is nothing more disappointing to visit the garden and see the pepper or broccoli plant that you nurtured indoors for weeks or months chopped down at the soil line in a single night and left there to wither in the sun. According to Barbara Pleasant in “The Gardener’s Bug Book,” (Storey Publishing \$14.95) cutworms are most active at night. It is then that the moth larvae circle around the plant to grab a bite or two. Efficient as they are at eating, this snack is all they need for now,



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

but left to their own devices they can ravage the garden of its tender seedlings in just a few evenings. Cutworm collars are the first line of defense. Simply encircle them with strips of heavy paper buried a couple of inches deep. Pint-sized ice cream containers with the bottom cut or the waxy containers that soy milk or orange juice come in work great too and are easily cut to the right size with a pair of scissors. If you already lost a few plants, dig around in the soil next to them and chances are you’ll find the soft, hairless caterpillar nearby. Be brave and squish it. Better yet feed it to your chickens, mine find them especially tasty. One wife’s tale was to put a long nail next to the seedlings. I tried it once, still had cutworms, then had to get all the nails out of my garden!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

COMMENTS ON CONGRESS

Can the U.S. sustain the international order?

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

We don’t often think that how the U.S. conducts itself at home has much impact on how we face the world, but it does. You’d be amazed at how closely people in countries all over the globe follow events here and count on the United States to lead the way. When it’s messy at home, it’s hard to sustain the strength and readiness to turn our attention outward. Doing so is especially important right now because what we’ve come to term “the international order” is under stress. It’s not collapsing by any means, but U.S. leadership faces challenges and if we’re divided and unsettled at home, it will be much more difficult to respond appropriately. What is the international order? It’s essentially the set of structures and values that evolved during the 20th century to resolve disputes, promote commerce and free trade, undergird economic development and investment, further contacts and exchanges between nations and their citizens, and protect human rights. It’s based on mutually-negotiated rules and initiatives that, in a well-functioning world, are promoted by institutions such as the UN, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, the World Trade Organization, the World Health Organization, and others. These days, though, it’s fair to say that there’s no aspect of the order we once took for granted that isn’t at least facing questions. This is

in part because, at the moment, both China and Russia are asserting their interests and, often, working actively to undermine ours. At the same time, the U.S. role is less prominent than it once was. Our allies, especially after the four years of the Trump administration, are uncertain of our commitment to global leadership given that we questioned longtime alliances, withdrew from institutions, pulled out of international accords, and in general pulled back from the web of alliances and agreements that we had helped shape in earlier years. Understandably, our friends and allies wonder how much they can count on us and our adversaries are eager to test us. At the same time, forces beyond the control of any government are reshaping the global picture. Nationalism is stronger, conflicts between countries seem to be ratcheting up, and many societies are struggling with growing diversity, declining tolerance, and a turn toward authoritarianism. On the whole, international power is less concentrated and more widely distributed, which presents challenges to global institutions and makes it more difficult to pursue much-needed reforms within them. In this situation, it’s crucial that democracies such as the U.S., Europe, Japan, and Canada recognize the importance of the role they play in sustaining and revitalizing the international order. It’s by no means a given that it can endure, but the democracies have an advantage: for many people around the world, the more authoritarian

alternatives are not especially appealing. Even so, the work of strengthening the world order will require a concerted effort that blends both cooperation and firmness. We have to strengthen our alliances of course, as well as shore up and broaden arms control efforts. Countering authoritarianism in all its facets will be an ongoing challenge. And we need constantly to gauge how best to be a benign world power, helping to resolve conflicts and slow to use force—not ruling it out, but relying on it wisely and only when necessary. Finally, as I suggested at the beginning, our strength on all these fronts will come from making sure that we are strong at home: that our economy is robust, our finances and debt are manageable, our elections are fair and well run, our infrastructure is revitalized, we invest in the future of our businesses through research and development, and we invest in the future of the American people by focusing attention on education and skills development. If we can do all that, then we will have earned the right to lead the world in navigating the challenges facing the international order.

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Congratulations Chicopee Comp Class of 2021



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Superintendent Lynn Clark bumps fists with a member of the Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 2021.



The future is bright indeed for members of the Chicopee Comp Class of 2021.



Chicopee Comp graduates had ample reasons to smile on June 6.



Chicopee Comp faculty lead the Class of 2021 to the football field for graduation on June 6.



Members of the Class of 2021 walk through the doors of Chicopee Comprehensive High School one last time before graduation on the morning of June 6.



A 2021 Chicopee Comp graduate addresses her peers during the June 6 commencement ceremony.



Balloons, signs and cheers were plentiful at the Chicopee Comp Class of 2021's commencement ceremony last Sunday.

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ingful we feel about ourselves and our collective purposes," said Chi.

Chicopee Comp Valedictorian Devon Labonte earned a 105.54 cumulative GPA over the course of four school years. Labonte stated that he's been happier over the past month than he had been for the previous four years, as he finally took off his mask.

"Honestly, it's been quite easy wearing a mask. For me, it's been the easiest thing to do during the whole pandemic. Just because it's easy doesn't mean it makes you happy though. The happiest thing for me has been taking off this mask," said Labonte.

Sydney Huard and Rachel Lamarre performed the National Anthem under the direction of Natalia Borowiec during the June 6 ceremony.



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Congratulations Chicopee High School Class of 2021



A graduate of the Chicopee High Class of 2021 runs away after receiving his long-awaited diploma.



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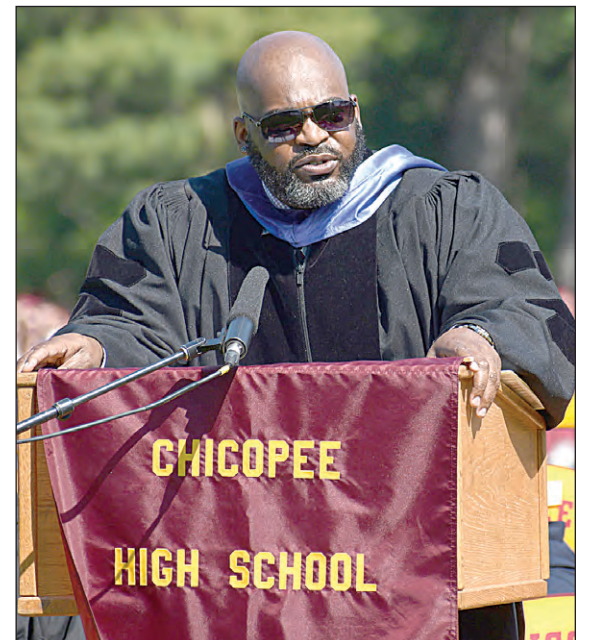
The Chicopee High School class of 2021 embarked on a new chapter following last Saturday's commencement ceremony



A Chicopee High Class of 2021 graduate revels in the moment at Szot Park on June 5.



Chicopee High Class President Maya Lecko addresses the Class of 2021 on June 5.



Asst. Superintendent Alvin Morton addressed the Chicopee High Class of 2021 on June 5.



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A number of Chicopee High School and Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 2021 graduates plan to enter the military.



The next story awaits this recent Chicopee High graduate.

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Slowly, students regained a sense of normalcy, even as the pandemic progressed.

By June, the Class of 2021 had outlasted the pandemic, graduating in the presence of their friends and loved ones. Zamachaj is proud of all that has been accomplished.

"Though this past year has been a painful stretch of twists and turns, it has taught me a lot about myself and life in general," said Zamachaj. "I understand now that not everything in life is defined by the grades you get. That doesn't mean to say that education is unimportant but it does say that becoming blind to the other things around you by simply focusing all your attention and time into one thing isn't always the best option. Enjoy the time and experiences that you have."



Congratulations Chicopee Academy Class of 2021



Chicopee Academy Vice Principal Martha Skiba speaks to Class of 2021 graduate Devon Pierce during a June 4 commencement ceremony.



Chicopee Academy Vice Principal Martha Skiba shakes hands with Class of 2021 graduate Eleuterio Serrano III on June 4.



Chicopee Academy Principal John Leonard gives Jason Felletter the Principal's Award on June 4.



Mayor John Vieau speaks to the Chicopee Academy Class of 2021 on June 4.



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his gratitude for Chicopee Academy's staff and shared several lessons he learned.

"You don't just give up. You keep on going and going no matter how hard it is for everybody in this world," said Serrano. "There are challenges that we are going to face, and there are points in our lives we have to realize we are not alone. We have a team, and that team can become a family. They help you to go on."

Leonard complimented each member of the Class of 2021, noting that they all found "new ways to cope and conquer any and all obstacles."

Leonard said that Chicopee Academy believes in the way it operates, believes in following the rules and believes in putting in the work that it takes to succeed. He credited the Class of 2021 for adopting a similar mentality, thinking outside of the box and achieving its goal of graduating.

"You were able to do that. One constant this entire year, we were all in this together," said Leonard.

Several Academy Class of 2021 graduates have already landed full-time jobs. Other graduates are attending Holyoke Community College or Springfield Technical Community College to study subjects such as nursing and culinary.

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The Great Connecticut River Migratory Shad Count

GREENFIELD – Join the Connecticut River Conservancy for the first-ever Great Connecticut River Migratory Shad Count – a fish count contest. The goal of the contest is to guess how many American shad will pass the Holyoke Dam fishway in Massachusetts this season. Deadline to enter is Tuesday, June 15 at 11:59pm. The contest is in partnership with Captain Morgan's Boat Training & Charters and Sam's Outdoor Outfitters. Additional details and the form to submit a guess can be found at www.ctriver.org/fish-count-contest.

"Each spring, American shad and many other fish migrate up the Connecticut River and tributaries," says Andrew Fisk, CRC executive director. "Hundreds of thousands of American shad make this journey every year, but we know that historically this river supported millions of migrating shad. How many do you think are in the river this year?" Migrating fish are counted as they use fish ladders or fish elevators to pass hydroelectric dams on the Connecticut River.

The first-place winner will receive a one-hour charter or hands-on boat training session valued at \$150 from Captain Morgan's Boat Training & Charters. Second place will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Sam's Outdoor Outfitters. Winners will be announced Wednesday, June 30 as the fish migration season wraps up.

"By protecting and restoring healthy rivers, we hope to one day see millions of shad migrating up these rivers again," notes Fisk. Connecticut River Conservancy is the voice for the Connecticut River watershed, from source to sea. They collaborate with partners across four states to protect and advocate for your rivers and educate and engage communities. CRC brings people together to prevent pollution, improve habitat, and promote enjoyment of your river and its tributary streams. Healthy rivers support healthy economies. To learn more about CRC, or to join the effort and help protect your rivers, visit www.ctriver.org.

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Girls lacrosse falls to Granby

GRANBY – Last Thursday, Granby High School girls lacrosse suffer a 10-5 loss against host Granby. In the loss, Alison Wegrzyn had had two goals. Legacy Egder, Alexis Blaine, and Lindsay Reidy also scored for the Colts. Katherine Ingram made 17 saves. Comp is 4-5 this season.



Drew Orzechowski looks around for a teammate to make a pass to.



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Alison Wegrzyn finally gets an angle toward the goal.



Legacy Egder makes her way up the field.



In traffic, goalie Katherine Ingram makes a save.



Lindsay Reidy fights the Granby defense to move to the goal.

Perry, Bryne gets wins at Monadnock



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ben Bryne was a winner in the 40-lap event at Monadnock last weekend.

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Nutmeg State teen Jacob Perry copped the biggest prize Saturday, June 5, at Monadnock Speedway, winning the 100-lap Modified Racing Series main event while, on the same card, three other drivers earned their first victory lap of the summer.

NHSTRA Modified strongman Ben Byrne won his 40-lap feature, Justin Littlewood stormed to victory in the Late Model Sportsman, and Jake Bosse, who started the season as a Young Gun, earned his career-first Pure Stock win.

Mini Stock ace Gordon Farnum soared into the points lead with his second 2021 feature win, while Street Stock Tommy O'Sullivan and Young Gun Fast Eddie Petruskevicius also won for the second time.

Hometrack hot shoe Kirk Alexander – he of 31 MRS feature victories – started on row one in the night's main event, taking the lead from polesitter Ryan Doucette on lap four and then setting his sights on duplicating his victory of 18 years

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Pioneers continue win streak with shutout

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW - It has been three years since an opposing USL League Two soccer team walked into Lusitano Stadium and defeated the Western Mass. Pioneers.

FC Malaga City made their first ever visit to the 103-year-old only soccer specific stadium in New England last Friday night, and it was a long trip back to Lagrangeville, New York for them.

The Pioneers, who scored three first half goals and added another one with the help of a Malaga City player, coasted to a 4-0 victory before a large crowd on a beautiful late spring evening.

"We scored a few early goals in tonight's game, which really helped us," said Pioneer's head coach Federico Molinari. "We always seem to play with a lot more confidence at home."

The Pioneers (4-1-1) played four of their five regular season matches on the road. The play-



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Ignacio Lerech tries to get a pass by his opponent.

ers were excited to be playing in front of their faithful supporters again.

"This is by far the best stadium and the best fans in our league," said starting forward Ignacio Lerech, who scored a goal and added an assist in the Pioneers first home win of the

season. "I've played for two other USL-Two teams, but this team is like one big family. I'm very happy to be playing here this year."

Lerech, who's from Tucuman, Argentina, has scored

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‘SuperFan’ exhibit on display at Hall

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony following its \$25+ million museum refurbishment which launched in 2017. Among the newest exhibits is the James F. Goldstein SuperFan Gallery – a space dedicated to celebrating the most iconic fans of the game including Toronto’s Nav Bhatia, Los Angeles’s late SuperFan Penny Marshall and Jimmy Goldstein himself.

“The Basketball Hall of Fame is distinct in that we celebrate all levels and

aspects of the game for both men and women,” said John Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. “We are excited to recognize the game’s greatest SuperFans in this unique exhibit showcasing their memorabilia and custom attire they’ve become known for at games. In tribute to all fans of the game, through their support and fanfare, SuperFans have certainly played a role in the game for many years. We look forward to continuing to recognize additional SuperFans in the years to come.”

Items on display in the exhibit include:

- Jimmy Goldstein iconic apparel and momentous tickets and credentials from his many years as a SuperFan
- Nav Bhatia turban, SuperFan Jersey and courtside chair
- Penny Marshall collection of signed jerseys and shoes
- SuperFan stories and images shared through digitized media

“The game of basketball has brought me so much joy over the years, in Los Angeles and in the countless are-

nas around the world I’ve been fortunate to experience,” said Jimmy Goldstein, NBA SuperFan. “I’m proud to share some of my most favorite items I’ve collected over the years and be featured in this remarkable exhibit dedicated to the fans.”

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and James F. Goldstein SuperFan Gallery are now open to the public. For more information, please call the Basketball Hall of Fame’s Ticket Office at (413) 231-5513 or visit www.hoophall.com.

Pioneers announce 2021 tryouts for all youth teams

LUDLOW – The Western United Pioneers organization has announced the 2021 tryouts. WUP FC is excited to hold 2021-2022 season tryouts. Tryouts are for boys and girls of all age groups (2016 - 2003 birth years). For players born from 2014 - 2017, we welcome you to come visit our open house to sign up for the Developmental Academy Program (2014-2016) and the First Kick Program (no need to try out for 2017). This registration session will allow you to complete contact information, and sign up for participation. Please read through each page carefully to ensure that all information is provided accurately. Each player should bring water, a ball, shin guards, and wear a white or grey shirt.

Go to www.westernunitedpioneers.sportngin.com to look for registration information and the full tryout schedule.

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ago when the Series debuted here on the high banks.

Russ Hersey would reel Alexander in and for a while it seemed like old home day in the Milton Cat 100. The kid from Connecticut, though, Jacob Perry, had other ideas, taking charge just past mid-race and then leading open-wheel stalwarts Tommy Barrett and Ronnie Williams under the checkers. Hometracker Matt Kimball came home fourth, and Alexander rounded out the top five.

Ben Byrne took control of the NHSTRA Modified main on lap three and never looked back. This was a wild one. Matt Kimball claimed the deuce, while Trevor Bleau marched forward twice to come home third aboard the Gomarlo 76 ride.

Aaron Fellows, like Bleau, recovered from earlier excitement to come home fourth. Kimmy Rivet was fifth, while points leader Todd Patnode was bounced around for 13th on the night.

Brehio’s strong run netted him runner-up honors, while youthful strongman Cam Curtis struggled with tire issues all night before claiming third when Robert Hagar, Ryan Currier, and Hayden Scott finished the show in a turn-two heap.

Tommy O’Sullivan charged from row six in the Street Stock main to take charge on lap 14 and then storm away to duplicate his opening night feature win. Strong and steady Paul Smith was the silver medallist, Nate Wenzel came home third, while points leader Chris Buffone struggled in tenth.

Mini Stock musclemen Gordon Farnum and Ray King started side-by-side again, this week firing from row four. Farnum took the lead from Kevin Clayton and blasted off to his second win of the summer and, with it, passed King for the points lead.

Clayton completed his rock-solid outing in second, with potent Kevin Cormier coming home third.

Just three weeks ago, Jake Bosse was just a kid winning a couple of Young Guns features.

Saturday, the Greenfield, N.H. youth speedster took the Pure Stock lead from Cory Lofland on lap two and sped away to his career-first win, keeping 50-years-young star Chris Davis in his shadow the final 11 laps. JD Stockwell was strong in third.

Fast Eddie Petruskevicious led all the way in the caution-free Young Guns 15. He was joined in trophy row by Teagan Edson and Leilei Daniels.

Next Saturday, June 12, the NHSTRA Modifieds will run twin 35-lap Quest For The Cup events atop a full card of racing at Monadnock Speedway. For more information, please visit www.monadnockspeedway.com.

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YOUNG GUNS: Eddie Petruskevicious, Teagan Edson, Leilei Daniels, Eddie Gomarlo, Jeff Moffat Jr., Aaliyah Tacy, Dominick Stafford.

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a team-leading three goals this season.

When the Pioneers and Malaga City (1-4-1) faced each other for the first time on May 15, Lerech came off the bench and scored a late goal giving the Pioneers a 1-0 road win.

“That was my first game playing for this team and when I scored that goal late in the game, it was just an amazing feeling,” said Lerech, who also scored a goal in a 2-0 win at AC Connecticut. “I just want to help my team win anyway that I can.”

Another first-year Pioneers player is Patrick Agyemang, who scored his first goal of the season in the home opener against the Seacoast United Phantoms, which ended in a 1-1 draw on May 21.

Agyemang scored his second goal at Lusitano Stadium during the fifth minute of last Friday’s match.

The scoring play began with Lerech sending a crossing pass to Agyemang on the right side. He then sprinted towards the goal before firing a low shot into the left corner past goalie Daniel Atherton.

“It was a great feeling scoring a goal in front of the home fans,” said Agyemang, who’s from East Hartford, Conn. “We played with a lot of energy right from the start of tonight’s game. We also have a lot of depth, which is very important.”

The Pioneers managed to post their

third shutout of the season without two key starters. Maxi Viera, who’s the Pioneers captain, and Connor Hicks, who’s from Monson, sat out the second home match of the season with injuries.

Agyemang and Lerech have built a good chemistry during the first six matches of the season.

“Ignacio and I have been working together at practice. The hard work paid off for us in tonight’s game,” Agyemang said. “We’re starting to gel as a team.”

A couple of minutes later, the Pioneers took a 2-0 lead when the ball deflected off a Malaga City defender into the net for an own goal.

During the 26th minute, Lerech received a pass from defender Carlos Emery and chipped a shot over two defenders into the left corner of the net increasing the Pioneers lead to 3-0.

With less than five minutes remaining in the opening half, Agyemang sent a pass from the left end line into the box where defender Jordan Koduak knocked the ball into the back of the net giving the home team a commanding 4-0 lead.

It was Koduak’s second goal of the season.

“It’s always nice to have a 4-0 half-time lead,” Molinari said. “You do have to worry about your team relaxing a little bit in the second half with a big lead. We just need to keep improving in every game.”

Down at the other end of the field, Blake Mullen didn’t have to make any



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Carlos Emery attempts to balance the ball after receiving a pass.

saves in recording his third shutout of the season.

The dynamic duo of Agyemang and Lerech were replaced by Guilermo Deal and Khalid Rose twenty minutes into the second half.

With ten minutes remaining in regulation, Evan Fournier, who graduated from Belchertown High School in 2019, made his first appearance for the Pioneers at Lusitano Stadium. His only shot attempt of match sailed over the



Ignacio Lerech tries to get a pass by his opponent.

crossbar.

“Evan has been on our roster since the beginning of the regular season. We were able to give him the opportunity to get some playing time during the second half of tonight’s game,” Molinari said. “It’s always nice to have the local soccer players on your team.”

The Pioneers will be looking to continue their winning ways at Lusitano Stadium when they host AC Connecticut at 7:30 on Friday night.

Chicopee High School May Student of the Month selections

CHICOPEE - Chicopee High School announces the May Student of the month.

Tessa Maslanka (grade 9) is a brilliant thinker and a very compassionate human being. She is understanding and empathetic, yet passionate and contemplative. Her work ethic is supreme and she is a leader amongst her peers. Tessa is well respected by students and faculty. Tessa finds a way to make her teachers smile every day.

Zorelix Perez (grade 10) is a good student and a marvelous human being. She is kind, passionate, respectful and sincere.

Zorelix is a model student. She communicates well with teachers and peers and if needed, she advocates for herself. Zorelix is a leader and will rise to any and all occasions to help those in need. She carries herself with dignity and respect at all times.

Alexander Rodriguez (grade 11) has a very positive attitude. He is respectful and ready to help others. Alex remains optimistic and never complains. Alex works hard to always complete his work. He is well prepared for his classes and is working to get the most out of his education. Alex is a leader in class. He participates well in all

class settings and will help anyone in need.

Darrian DeJesus (grade 12) is an exceptional student and person. He has an uncanny ability to make his peers feel appreciated and accepted. He is confident yet humble, kind, and incredibly creative. His witty humor makes his classmates laugh everyday. He asks thoughtful questions and puts his best effort into each lesson and activity; he truly cares about learning. Darrian is an encouragement on both an academic and personal level to all those around him.

Kylie Ratelle graduates from Bryant University

SMITHFIELD, RI (06/03/2021) – At Bryant University’s 158th Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 22, 840 graduates of the Class of 2021 and their families and guests gathered on campus to celebrate earning a Bryant degree. Kylie Ratelle of Chicopee, MA, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Marketing.

Derek Girouard named to Assumption University’s Dean’s List

WORCESTER – Assumption University has announced that Derek Girouard, of Chicopee, Class of 2021, has been named to the University’s Dean’s List for the spring 2021 semester. Students named to the Dean’s List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

“Derek is one of the many students who demonstrated incredible resiliency amid the challenges posed by COVID-19 during the previous academic year and remained committed to their programs of study,” said Assumption University President Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D. “Assumption is proud of these students

for excelling in the classroom as they immersed themselves in the University’s liberal arts curriculum, steeped in the Catholic intellectual tradition, and their majors preparing them for meaningful lives and careers after graduation.”

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Senior center schedules range of programs

CHICOPEE – In the coming weeks, the RiverMills Senior Center at 5 W Main St. in Chicopee will offer local seniors access to a range of exciting programs.

“Weight Loss & Hypnosis” Zoom Series

The COA will be offering a Weight Loss & Hypnosis three part series via Zoom. The Zoom series will take place on Monday 14 and 28 at 3:00 p.m.

This series will be led by Robin Davis and will incorporate mind and body techniques, including hypnosis. The cost is \$25 for the series. Space is limited. You must register in advance by calling RiverMills Center and by providing your email address. Payment must be mailed or dropped off at RiverMills Center before the first session. Once your payment is received, you will be emailed the Zoom link for the series. Checks can be made out to Robin Davis. Please call 534-3698 for more information.

“Parking Lot Bingo!”

The Council on Aging will offer Parking Lot Bingo on Wed., June 23 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the lower level parking lot at RiverMills Center!

Participants will stay in their vehicles with their radios on. Bingo numbers will be called and you will hear the numbers called thru your radio. Instructions will be passed out before Bingo begins. If you get Bingo, honk your horn and win a prize. Though these are

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“Essential Oils & First Aid”

On Fri., June 11 at 11:00 a.m., the COA will present the program “Essential Oils & First Aid.”

Would you like to learn more about natural alternatives to self-care during times of emotional or physical distress or injury? During this Zoom class, you will learn the use of Essential Oils to support, calm and sooth your body and emotions, as well as how to use essential oils for natural support and wellness when first aid is required. Registration is required for this class by calling RiverMills Center at 534-3698 or by registering via the Zoom link provided on RiverMills Centers Facebook Page.

“Eating Well While Eating Out”

On Wed., June 16 at 11:00 a.m., the COA will offer the program “Eating Well While Eating Out.”

This workshop, presented by Ascentria Care Alliance, will provide participants tips for making smart choices when going out to eat or ordering take out. It will review options for planning ahead when eating out and practicing mindful eating in any setting. Registration is required by calling 534-3698 or by registering using the Zoom registration link located on RiverMills Centers Facebook page.

AIC awards degrees to Chicopee graduates

SPRINGFIELD, -- American International College awarded degrees to 232 undergraduate students representing twelve foreign countries, in addition to eighteen states and Puerto Rico this May. Congratulations to these dedicated, newly-minted graduates.

Ariel Alvarez of Chicopee
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Stephanie Kaczmarczyk of Chicopee
Anna Maziarz of Chicopee

Alliyah Ramirez of Chicopee
Kelly Shea of Chicopee

Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield, Massachusetts, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunity for its students and the community.

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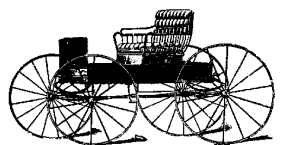
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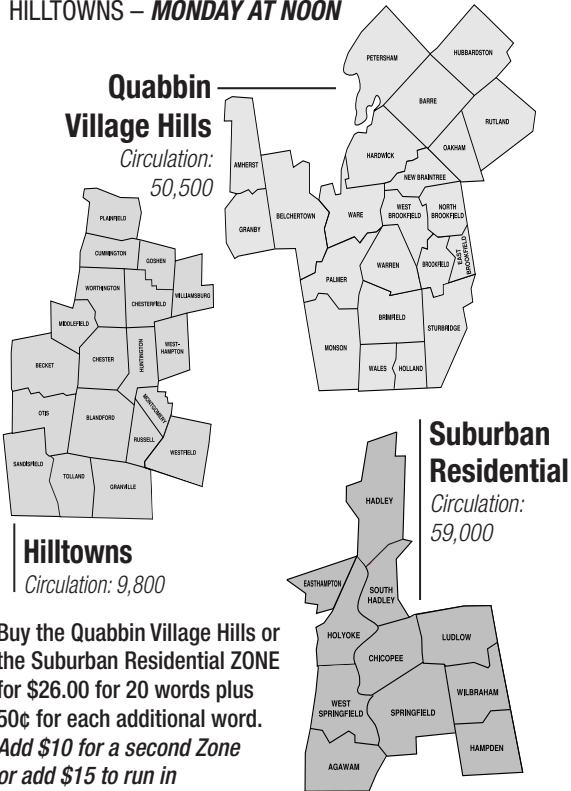
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The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday June 30, 2021 at 6:30 PM*** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 17 Springfield St., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under 275-58 (C) (4) for the purpose of serving liquor in a restaurant located at 185 Grove Street. Applicant – Falls Pizza, Inc., 185 Grove Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

***COVID-19:** Pursuant to the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A due to the novel Coronavirus outbreak, the June 30, 2021 Zoning Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Anyone wishing to participate remotely shall, provide notice to the Office of the City Council by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM – 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov by June 28, 2021. Those giving such notice will need to identify the public hearing and provide their name, address and contact phone number to minimize the potential for zoom bombing.

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

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Special Permit application under 275-50 (C) (1) and 50 (C) (2) (a) for the purpose of relief of setback requirements for new sign placement from 25' to +/- 0' from the property line and erecting a digital sign located at 675 Fuller Road. Applicant – Chuck Martins, 658 Fuller Road, Chicopee, MA 01020.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

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Special Permit application under 275-58 (C) (5) for the purpose of four residential units and a real estate office which requires a special permit located at 1692 Memorial Drive. Applicant – 896-900 Prospect Street, Inc., David B. Williams, 32 Haig Avenue, South Hadley, MA 01075.

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INVITATION FOR BID CHICOPEE ELECTRIC LIGHT 725 FRONT STREET, CHICOPEE, MA 01020 BID NO. CEL 21-0493 ISSUE DATE: June 7, 2021

Sealed proposals are being accepted for: "ANNUAL BID FOR CALIX TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT"

BID OPENING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: **Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM** at Chicopee Electric Light, 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020-1778.

BIDS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IN DUPLICATE. PLEASE READ AND COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ENTITLED 1.0 PREPARATION OF BIDS.

Bid documents are available at the business office located at 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020-1778.

The Vendor/Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" and of Chapter 164 Sec. 56D as amended, of the Massachusetts General Laws, both of which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal that in the opinion of the Municipal Light Board, is in the best interest of the Municipal Lighting Plant.

Is your firm a: **MBE WBE** (please circle) MBE/WBE firms must be currently certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Please submit Bids in duplicate placed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the Bid Number and Title:

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Natalie A. Colberg, Purchasing

06/11/2021

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A

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